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## PSC Seeks Public Comment on SBC Proposal

MADISON – The Public Service Commission (PSC) is seeking public comment on SBC Wisconsin's request to waive its legal requirement in providing service to customers in the Amherst, Florence, Polonia, Rosholt, Spread Eagle, Soo Lake and Almond exchanges.

SBC Wisconsin is currently the provider of last resort in these areas, which means the company must provide service to customers denied from other carriers. SBC would like to waive its provider of last resort obligation, although it may remain a carrier in the area. If SBC's proposal were approved by the Commission, another long-distance provider in the area may be designated the provider of last resort, or that designation would no longer apply in these exchanges.

SBC serves less than 50 percent of the long distance customers in most of these areas and other carriers are available to provide service. SBC customers may contact their local telephone company for a list of other long distance companies serving their area.

As part of the investigation into SBC's application, the PSC is asking for public comment on any concerns about SBC discontinuing its obligation to be the provider of last resort. Anyone interested in providing comments should include the docket number 6720-TI-195 on their correspondence and send it to:

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Comments are due by **noon on Friday, January 28, 2005**. Letters can also be sent electronically through the Electronic Regulatory Filing System (ERF) on the PSC website at <http://psc.wi.gov>. Click on ERF System and select How to File Electronically.

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